

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement and the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, Applicants elect Group II, drawn to a cauterization device, and the species embodied by FIGS. 1-3a of the present application. Claims 16 and 17 read on the elected group and species.

Claims 18-21 are hereby withdrawn from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to reinstate claims 18-21 upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Claims 1-15 and 22-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these non-elected claims in future divisional applications.

Further, independent claim 16 has been amended to recite that the claimed coating comprises an amphiphilic lipid while claim 17, which referenced now canceled claims 6-10, has been canceled as well. In place of canceled claim 17, new claims 41-49 further recite the claimed coating originally outlined in claims 2-10.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7216.

It is respectfully requested that this paper be considered as a TWO-MONTH Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that the \$225 small entity fee or as well as any other fees be charged to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 6034-74031.

Respectfully submitted,

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